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SUBJ: FONOFF VIEW OF OAS CHARTER REFORM

REF: STATE 197847

1. IN DISCUSSING THIS SUBJECT WITH ADCM ON AUGUST 20, FONOFF TECHNICAL AMBASSADOR PACHECO AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO LET THE RESULTS OF A SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT GA JELL BEFORE GETTING ON WITH CHARTER REFORM, IF REFORM MUST BE PURSUED AT THIS TIME. HE ALSO AGREED THAT NEW FACES AND A NEW SETTING SHOULD BE SOUGHT TO DEAL WITH REFORM. IN THE DISCUSSION, PACHECO REPEATED WHAT WE HAVE KNOWN ALL ALONG, THAT GODR IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT REVISING THE CHARTER AT THIS TIME. HE SAID IT IS ENTIRELY UNDERSTANDABLE THAT USG HAS HIGHER PRIORITIES ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, AS FOR EXAMPLE, IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. GODR WOULD PREFER TO SEE REFORM EFFORTS DRY UP THAN TO MOVE FURTHER TOWARD A CHARTER CONTAINING CONFRONTATIONAL ITEMS, A CHARTER WOULD BE UNSATISFACTORY TO USG.

2. COMMENT: PACHECO WAS UNAWARE OF PROPOSAL TO HOLD DEVELOPMENT AND CHARTER REFORM SPECIAL GA'S "BACK TO BACK." REACTION WAS THEREFORE HIS OWN AND DID NOT REPRESENT CONSULTATIONS WITHIN FONOFF. HOWEVER, PACHECO'S VIEWS AND PROPOSALS USUALLY OBTAIN IN FIXING GODR POSITION ON SUCH MATTERS, AND IN THIS CASE THEY ARE PROBABLY A RELIABLE INDICATION OF THE POSTION CONFIDENTIAL

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WE MAY EXPECT FROM THE GODR WHEN THE QUESTION IS POSED. FONOFF

WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT WITH US ON ALL IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING CHARTER REFORM. HURWITCH
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